

FOCUS ON THE ARTS

CULTURAL ARTS

SUMMER 2002



Beat the heat,
cool off with
F.A.N.

FAMILY ARTS NIGHT, that is!

Wednesday Evenings at 7:30 p.m. • FREE

Courthouse Square Park • Rockville Town Center

Bring a blanket or lawn chair for comfortable seating, and don't forget a picnic supper. In case of inclement weather, please call 301-309-3357 (after July 12, call 240-314-8681) after 6:30 p.m. on the day of the performance to verify the performance location.



June 26 ■ TRUX BALDWIN AND THE STARLITE OCTETTE

Big Band Sound

The Starlite Octette presents a distinctive style of music with a lusty, mellow tone and a light danceable beat. The band performs "name brand" classics, "soft swing" arrangements, and basic "riff" tunes. The band has performed in Washington, D.C., at the Kennedy Center

Opera House, the National Zoo, the National Building Museum and the Sylvan Theater. **Rain Site:** Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive.

July 10 ■ BLUE BOOK VALUE

Rockin' Rhythms and Swing Blues

Karen Book, lead vocals; Bruce Atkinson, guitar; Kim Wooten, keyboard; Paul Gibson, bass guitar; and Henry Weisiger, drums, are Blue Book Value. The group performed at the 53rd Presidential Inaugural Ball, Arlington County's "Arts Al Fresco," AIDS Walk Washington and "Beat the Summertime" Blue Bash. The band also plays at local clubs such as Cowboy Café South, The Inn Zone, Tunnickliff's American Bar & Grill and Music City Roadhouse. **Rain Site:** Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.



July 17 ■ NEW LINE BRASS BAND

Brass Band Sound

Blending a mixture of traditional brass band standards, spirituals, zydeco and original compositions, the New Line Brass Band plays music with a loose vibe and funky groove. The band includes nationally acclaimed tuba player Andy Kochenour, drummer Byron McWilliams, guitarist Wayne Wilkinson, trumpet player/accordionist

Zachary Smith, trumpet/trombone player Dan Haverstock, and saxophone player James Cotton. They have shared the stage with contemporaries such as the Olympia Brass Band, the Jack Daniels Silver Coronet Band, the River City Brass Band and Terrace Simien. **Rain Site:** F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive.

July 24 ■ RETROSPECT

"The best of yesterday's music...and today's"

This eight-piece band plays all styles of popular music from the 1940s through the 1990s. Celebrating its 24th anniversary, the band continues to delight audiences in the Washington area. The band has been featured at Rockville's Hometown Holidays; Gaithersburg's Olde Town Day and July 4th celebrations; Bethesda Metro Center's concert series; and Frederick's Snow Ball and Mardi Gras. **Rain Site:** F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive.



"Gaea's Corner" Dedicated at Croydon Creek Grand Opening

Mosaic Tile Mural Permanently Displayed at New Nature Center in Rockville Civic Center Park

The Mayor and Council officially dedicated "Gaea's Corner," a colorful, tactile wall mural designed by Deirdre Saunder, at the grand opening of the Croydon Creek Nature Center on April 21. Members of the Artist Nomination Committee, the Building Design Committee, the City's Cultural Arts Commission and residents of all ages were on hand for the ceremonies.

Gaea in Greek mythology means "Mother Earth." "Gaea's Corner" was designed to simulate earth and to evoke the feeling of nature. Using a variety of mosaic materials that look as though they could have been found in a creek or riverbed—everything from pebbles, broken tiles, shells, pottery shards, found objects and sea glass—images of creatures found in and alongside a creek have been embedded in the mural. Much like the book "Where's Waldo?" or the carved *Tree of Life* at Disney's Animal Kingdom, it will be a game of discovery to find as many as you can.

"Gaea's Corner" can be found on the most prominent wall of the nature center—a 10-foot x 40-foot curved wall—and can be seen immediately upon entering the building.

The Croydon Creek Nature Center is located behind Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5:30 p.m.

Since 1978, the City of Rockville has commissioned 35 site-specific works of art to enhance city facilities, parks and buildings under its Art In Public Places program. ■



Rockville Civic Ballet presents

"FIREBIRD"

Directed by Claudia Mangan

Saturday, Aug. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 11, 2:30 p.m.

F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
Rockville Civic Center Park
Directions Line: 301-309-3007
(After July 12: 240-314-5004)

\$7 General Admission
\$5 Children (12 and under)
\$5 Senior Citizens (60 and older)

Assigned seat tickets may be purchased in advance at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre box office beginning July 15. The box office is open from 2 to 7 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays, and two hours prior to performance time. Mail orders should be sent to the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Box Office, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851. The box office number is 301-545-5660 (after July 12: 240-314-8690).



2002 F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference Set for Oct. 26

Rockville Hosts 7th Annual Day of Workshops, Discussions and Special Events

The seventh annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference on Saturday, Oct. 26, at Montgomery College in Rockville will feature numerous workshops, panel discussions and special events. Renowned author John Updike will accept this year's award for Achievement in American Literature (see sidebar on right). A short story contest also is taking place (see sidebar on bottom). For more information on the Literary Conference or to have your name placed on a mailing list for a brochure, please call 301-309-9461 (after July 12: 240-314-8683).

Featured Speaker: Meryle Secrest, author of *Somewhere for Me: A Biography of Richard Rodgers*, will speak about "The Biographical Experience."

Biography Discussion Panel: Meryle Secrest; Edmund Morris (author of *Dutch: A Memoir of Ronald Reagan* and *The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt*); and Sylvia Morris (author of *Edith Kermit Roosevelt: Portrait of a First Lady* and *Rage for Fame: The Ascent of Clare Boothe Luce*).

Writing Workshops:

The conference traditionally has presented several nationally known and published writers taking part in its writing workshops. This year's writers include:

- **Fiction – Maxine Clair** is the author of stories, poems, and essays including *Coping With Gravity*, *October Brown* and *Rattlebone*. She received a Guggenheim Fellowship and is an associate professor of English at the George Washington University.
- **Fiction – Patricia Griffith** is the author of the novels *Supporting the Sky*, *Tennessee Blue*, *The Future Is Not What It Used to Be* and *The World Around Midnight*. The latter was selected as one of the best books of the year by the American Library Association. Two of her short stories have been published in the O. Henry Prize stories.
- **Playwriting – Ernest Joselovitz** is the founder and administrator of the Washington D.C. Playwrights Forum. His most recent play script, *Shakespeare, Moses and Joe Papp*, premiered at the Round House Theatre in spring 2002.
- **Children's Literature – Judy K. Morris** regularly teaches workshops at The Writer's Center in Bethesda for adults who write children's novels. Her book developed from the workshop, *Writing Fiction for Children: Stories Only You Can Tell*, was published in 2001.

Other Offerings:

- **Rockville Pike: A Novel in Progress** presented by author Susan Coll
- **Pointers on Publishing for New Writers – Judy Hruz**, co-author of the political thriller *Treason in the White House* and editor of the *Rockville Gazette*, will provide new writers with tips and insights on getting published.
- A screening of either *The Music School* or *Too Far to Go* by John Updike.
- Fitzgerald historical sites in Rockville.

More Information:

The cost of the event is \$50 general admission, \$30 for senior citizens and \$15 for students if tickets are purchased by Oct. 11. After that date, the price is \$60 for general admission and \$40 for senior citizens.

The conference is produced and managed by the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, Inc. and supported by the City of Rockville, Montgomery College, Gazette Newspapers, Rockville Cultural Arts Commission, Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, Ltd., and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Society.



John Updike to be Honored Pulitzer Winner Will Receive Fitzgerald Award For Achievement in American Literature

John Updike, author of *Rabbit is Rich*, *Rabbit at Rest* and *The Witches of Eastwick*, will be honored at the seventh annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference—Saturday, Oct. 26—with the F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Distinguished Achievement in American Literature. He will accept the award and read selections from his works.

The author of more than 50 books, including novels of American suburban life, children's books and poetry, Updike won Pulitzer prizes for *Rabbit is Rich*

(1982) and *Rabbit at Rest* (1991). A graduate of Harvard University, the novelist began his career with *The New Yorker*, to which he still contributes stories, verse and book reviews.

Updike also has edited several volumes of American short stories and is the recipient of the National Medal of Arts, the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Howells Medal. *The Witches of Eastwick* (1984) was adapted for the screen in 1987 and for the stage as a musical in 2000. ■

F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference

Short Story Contests Deadlines are July 12

For those whose passion is writing short stories, the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference has opportunities awaiting.

Each year the conference, named for the legendary American author who is buried in Rockville, sponsors two short story contests. One contest is open to Montgomery County high school students and the other to residents of all ages in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

The winner of each contest will win a cash prize and the chance to read their short story at the conference on Oct. 26 at Montgomery College in Rockville. This

year's conference honoree is author John Updike.

All entries must include a cover sheet that lists the writer's name, address and phone number. The writer's name should not appear on subsequent pages of the story.

The contests are being sponsored by the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, Inc.

All entries must be postmarked by July 12. Send story submissions to the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference Contest, c/o Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850. For more information on the short story contests, call 301-309-9461 (after July 12: 240-314-8683).

Short Story Contest For High School Students

- Open to any high school student who resides or attends school in Montgomery County.
- Entries must be unpublished.
- Stories must be between 1,000 to 3,000 words in length and typed double-spaced.
- First prize winner will receive \$250 and an invitation to read from the story at the annual conference. Three runner-up prizes of \$100 each also will be awarded.
- There is no entry fee.

Short Story Contest

- Open to all ages of any resident of Mary-

land, Virginia or Washington, D.C.

- Entries must be unpublished.
- Entries must be less than 3,000 words and typed in 10- or 12-point size (double-spaced).
- First prize winner will receive \$1,000 and an invitation to read from the story at the annual conference. Three runner-up prizes of \$200 each also will be awarded.
- The entry fee is \$25 per entry. *The fee entitles you to free admittance to the Awards Ceremony and Updike's reading on the evening of Oct. 26. (The entry fee is waived for F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, Inc. members).*

Young Musicians Welcome To Audition and Join the Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra

Rockville is offering young musicians a chance to get their feet wet by joining the Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra (RRYO). The orchestra, which consists of 45 students, will conduct auditions in September for all interested student musicians grades four through nine.

RRYO is comprised of violins, violas, cellos, string basses, flutes, clarinets, oboes, bassoons, trumpets, trombones, French horns, low brass and percussion.



To audition, you must:

- Demonstrate proficiency on your instrument via selected musical scales, solo selections, and sight reading.
- Pay an audition fee of \$10.
- Call 301-309-3354 (after July 12: 240-314-8682) or email Kmoran@ci.rockville.md.us to establish a specific audition date and time to fit your schedule.

Membership requirements include:

- Paying a fee of \$180 (Rockville residents) or \$230 (non-residents).
- Attending a weekly Tuesday rehearsal from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at the Social Hall of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, Rockville Civic Center Park.
- Participating in concerts at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in February and June.

RRYO rehearsals run from Oct. 1 of this year through early June 2003. It is the intent of the City of Rockville to have the Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra membership include approximately 55 percent Rockville residents.

YOU ARE INVITED TO GO

Out To Lunch Wednesdays

Food, Music and Farmers' Market

- Wednesdays - Now thru September 25
- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- East Montgomery Ave. in Rockville Town Center

East Montgomery Avenue becomes a festival every Wednesday through Sept. 25. Delicious food is served up all summer to sounds of local musicians. Farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, plants, flowers, herbs and more are available at the Rockville Farmers' Market. Town Center sponsors include Ben and Jerry's, California Tortilla, MotoPhoto, Pot Belly Sandwich Works and Tara Asia.

Entertainment is scheduled from 12 noon-1:30 pm.

Date	Band	Style of Music
June 26	Soul Mason	Alternative
July 3	Krewe of Renegades	New Orleans R&B
July 10	Riptide	Rock
July 17	Sookey Jump	Blues
July 24	Ewabo	Caribbean
July 31	Plan Nine USA	Ska
August 7	Zion Hill Gospel Singers	Gospel
August 14	Reunion Blues Dixieland Band	Blues
August 21	Russian Gypsies	Russian Folk
August 28	Marty Nau Jazz Quartet	Jazz
September 4	Rock-N-Roll Review	Oldies
September 11	Rockville Concert Band & Hometown USA	Patriotic
September 18	Laura Baron & Pat Barron	Acoustic
September 25	Jeff Ball	Native American Flute

2002 Kids, Parks & Performing Arts

Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.
through August 6

This FREE family entertainment series rotates among neighborhood parks and offers a variety of hour-long performing arts experiences to delight all ages. To verify location and obtain directions, call 301-309-3354 (after July 12: 240-314-8682) after 6:30 p.m. the day of the show. *Bring a lawn chair or blanket for comfortable seating*

JUNE 25 • Patricia Shih - Big Ideas for the Whole Family
This New York TV personality will get you moving and singing along as she helps you be the star.
Where: Courthouse Square Park - Route 28 (Jefferson Street) and Maryland Avenue/street parking or use Middle Lane parking lot.
Rain Site: Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park

JULY 2 • Goombay - The Caribbean Experience
Travel with this musical celebration to Jamaica, Trinidad, Cuba and the Bahamas.
Where: Potomac Woods Park - 2276 Dunster Lane/parking lot entrance at end of Stratton Drive
Rain Site: Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park

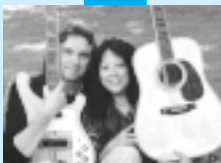
JULY 9 • Magpie - Celebrating Our Past and Our Planet
Award-winning recording artists Greg Artzner and Terry Leonino share a memorable evening of music with an environmental focus.
Where: Croydon Creek Nature Center at Rockville Civic Center Park - 852 Avery Road/parking lot
Rain Site: Indoors at Croydon Creek Nature Center

JULY 16 • Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer - Grammy Nominated Music Makers
Five-time GRAMMY nominees in children's music deliver a concert packed with audience participation.
Where: King Farm Park - Watkins Pond Boulevard at Grand Champion Way/street parking on all four sides of park
Rain Site: F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre at Rockville Civic Center Park

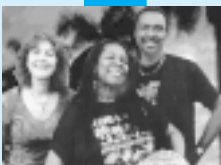
JULY 23 • Hadfield and McCoy - Zany Vaudeville
This father and son team presents a wacky blend of comedy, juggling and acrobatics.
Where: College Gardens Park, 615 College Parkway/street parking on College Parkway and Yale Place
Rain Site: F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre at Rockville Civic Center Park

JULY 30 • Mike Rose - Magician- Comedian
How does he do that? Magic? Great interactive show.
Where: Elwood Smith Park, 601 Harrington Road/parking lot within park
Rain Site: Elwood Smith Community Center

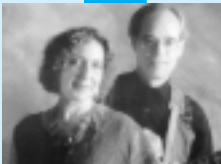
AUGUST 6 • Anansegromma of Ghana
African Dance, Drum and Games - storytelling
Where: Twinbrook Park, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway/parking lot within park
Rain Site: Twinbrook Community Recreation Center



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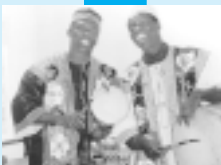
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JULY 30
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Summer Arts In Rockville

Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park

Art Gallery Exhibits

Second floor (accessible)
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday, 7-9 p.m.
Closed official holidays
Artist Talks/Guided Gallery Tours call: 301-309-3354
(after July 12: 240-314-8682)

JUNE

“Three Views - Landscape Paintings”

Raymond J. Burns, Marry K. Kokoski, & Elena Maza
Exhibit: June 22-July 2

JULY

Tory Cowles - abstract paintings
Jerry Maddox - “Bugs” drawings
Marsha Staiger - abstract mixed media works
Exhibit: July 7-30
Opening Reception: Sunday, July 7, 1-4 p.m.

AUGUST

“Color Photography - Three Views”
Caroline Helou - “Close Encounters”
Carolyn Johnson - “Architecture: The Essence of the Image”
Antonia M. Macedo - “Constructionsapes”
Exhibit: August 4-27
Opening Reception: Sunday, August 4, 1-4 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

“Five Artists - Five Decades”
Nancy Frankel, Phylliss Hoffman, Phyllis Jacobs,
Margaret Paris, Shelia Rotner
Exhibit: Sept. 3-Oct. 1
Opening Reception: Sunday, Sept. 8, 1-4 p.m.

Sunday Afternoon Concerts

2 p.m. Conservatory 1st floor
FREE - no ticket required

JULY 7: David Maddox & Jonathan Matis
Original compositions on saxophone & guitar

AUGUST 4: Tabago Bay Calypso Band
Calypso, Soca, Jazz

SEPTEMBER 8: Chuck Durfor
Blend of guitar musical selections

F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre

at Rockville Civic Center Park

ROCKVILLE MUSICAL THEATRE

“Anything Goes”

July* 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27; Aug. 2, 3 – 8 p.m.
July 21 – 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$14 General Admission
\$6 Youth (18 and younger)

ROCKVILLE CIVIC BALLET

“Firebird”

Aug. 10 – 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 11 – 2:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$7 General Admission
\$5 Children (12 and under)
\$5 Senior Citizens (60 and older)

VICTORIAN LYRIC OPERA COMPANY

“The Zoo, Stephenson & Sullivan”

September 5, 6, 7, 8 (varied times)
Tickets: \$14 General Admission
\$12 Students (16 and younger)

NATIONAL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Piano Recital

Brian Ganz
Sept. 14 – 8 p.m.
Tickets: \$22, \$17, \$11

ROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND

Concert

Sept. 15 – 3 p.m.
Free
Donations accepted.

ROCKVILLE LITTLE THEATRE

“All Because of Agatha”

September* 26, 27, 28
October 4, 5, 11, 12 - 8 p.m.
October 6 & 13 - 2 p.m.
Tickets: \$12 General Admission

*Senior Citizens (60 or older) may attend dress rehearsal. Tickets are required and may be obtained at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Box Office. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

F. SCOTT FITZGERALD THEATRE BOX OFFICE

Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 2-7 p.m., and two hours prior to performance time

Location: F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr., Rockville, MD 20851

Phone: 301-545-5660 (after July 12: 240-314-8690)

Theater patrons may purchase tickets in person, by phone or by mail order. To purchase tickets by mail order, include your name, address, phone number, and the date and time of the performance for which you are purchasing tickets. If you are sending a check, make it payable to the City of Rockville. If you are using a credit card, include the type of credit card (MasterCard/VISA), the name on the credit card, the account number and the expiration date.